

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Abraham Hite House		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson	
Original Owner Abraham Hite		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District 45	
Present Name		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jeffersontown	
3. Owner's Name John L. Sr., & Jean H. Knopf		25. UTM Reference Zone 16 Easting 620710 Northing 4227200	
4. Owner's Address 4219 Starlight Ln., Fern Creek 40291		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building X	
5. Location Starlight Lane		27. District Name: Yes No X	
6. Open to Public Yes No X	7. Visible from road Yes X No	28. Significance Evaluation National Register	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local State Federal		Date 1977	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow B44 L372 1/4A/house cent/no sig outbldg		30. Theme Primary Secondary Other Settlement	
11. Architect Unknown		31. Endangered Yes No X	
12. Builder Unknown		32.	
13. Date Ca. 1790		ATTACH PHOTO	
14. Style		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
15. Original Use Dwelling		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
16. Present Use Dwelling		34. Prepared by: Carol Tobe Researcher	
17. Condition Interior Exterior Good		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation	
18. Description The Abraham Hite House is a two story, three bay brick house. It has a stone foundation, interior end chimneys, segmental-arched windows and doors. It is typical of the earliest brick houses built by Kentucky settlers, probably the next step beyond the log cabin.		36. Date 21 June 1979	
19. History Captain Abraham Hite joined his brother Isaac, an early Kentucky surveyor, in Jefferson County about 1784. Their parents and brother Joseph migrated within the next few years from their home in Berkeley County Virginia. The father, Colonel Abraham Hite and sons Abraham, Isaac and Joseph formed a land company which acquired vast land holdings in Kentucky. (SEE NEXT PAGE)		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	
20. Significance Abraham Hite was one of the most prominent figures in early Jefferson County History. It is fortunate that so early a house associated with such an important pioneer survives in excellent condition. The family graveyard with the graves of Captain Abraham Hite, (SEE NEXT PAGE)		39. Roll No. _____ 40. Picture No. _____ 41. Direction _____	
21. Source of Information Jefferson County (KY) Deed Books Minute Order Books (SEE NEXT PAGE)		42. Roll No. _____ 43. Picture No. _____ 44. Direction _____	

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Captain Abraham Hite served in the Revolutionary War receiving his Captain's commission from George Washington. He was one of five men appointed in 1790 as Trustees for the City of Louisville which was incorporated under the Virginia Legislature in 1781. In 1790 Hite was a County Court Judge. He represented Jefferson County in the Senate from 1800 to 1803, and was a member of the Virginia Convention in 1782, 88 and 1800.

The Abraham Hite House was built on Abrahams settlement tract. When he died in 1832 he divided the 975 acre tract among his seven children with Isaac inheriting the house tract. It was sold out of the Hite family after Isaac's death in 1849.

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his wife, and his parents is located nearby.

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